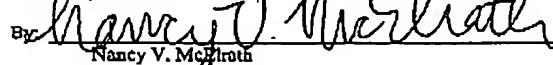


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2005, please see the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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